

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims**

1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a z-filter media construction including steps of:

- (a) coiling a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip on a hub;
- (b) removing a resulting coil from the hub to provide a coreless coil; and,
- (c) distorting the coreless coil to an obround shape by pressing on a side area of the coil comprising facing sheet.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 28 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip including a urethane backside sealant bead.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises forming a generally circular coil.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein:

- (a) the step of distorting the coreless coil to an obround shape comprises distorting to a shape having two opposite, rounded, ends.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31 wherein:

- (a) the step of distorting the coreless coil to a shape having two opposite, rounded, ends involves distorting to a shape also having two, opposite, straight sides.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 32 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet including a urethane backside sealant bead that foams.
34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33 wherein:
- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet including a urethane backside sealant bead that comprises a urethane that increases in volume by at least 40% during cure.
35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34 including a step of:
- (a) sealing a tail end of the media along its length by a sealant.
36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 35 including a step of:
- (a) sealing a tail end of the media along its length by a hot melt sealant.
37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34 including a step of:
- (a) positioning a housing seal on an obround shaped coil resulting from the step of distorting.
38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37 wherein:
- (a) the step of positioning a housing seal comprises securing a polyurethane seal to an outer surface of the filter media.
39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37 including a step of:
- (a) mounting a framework on the obround shaped coil resulting from the step of distorting.
40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39 including a step of:
- (a) providing a housing seal ring on the framework.
41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40 wherein:

(a) the step of mounting a framework includes mounting a plastic cross piece positioned as a face lattice.

42. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41 wherein:

(a) the step of distorting comprises distorting to yield an obround shape with a straight side and with a tail end of the media along the straight side.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42 wherein:

(a) the step of distorting the coreless coil comprises forming at least six interdigitized flutes along a center strip of the z-filter media construction.

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